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Planco OKs metal gate for Plaza shop

Kevin L. Hoover

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ARCATA – The Plaza will be getting a slightly more metal look following last week's Planning Commission approval of a new scissor-style security gate for a store at Ninth and H streets.

The Caravan of Dreams shop, located in the Stillman Building on the southwest corner, boasts a capacious, 12 foot-wide, 6 foot-deep covered entryway which has proven

popular with unhoused persons looking for a sheltered place to stay overnight.

The black-painted, removable "EasyGlide Trackless Gate" will fold out across the entrance at night, flush with the building, and seal the alcove when the shop isn't open.

While recommending approval, city staff was mindful of precedents, which the commission considered in its design review. "I don't envy you, you have a very

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BETTER BAY BOATING

LAUNCHING The City of Arcata held a ribbon cutting Feb. 13 to celebrate the official opening of the new non-motorized boat launch at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary's South I Street parking lot. Left, Environmental Services Director Emily Sinkhorn portages to the launch.

Above, Natural Resources Specialist Mike McDowall and Sinkhorn paddle the bay. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



LUNAR NEW YEAR



LIBRARY LION To celebrate the Year of the Dragon, the Arcata Branch Library held a Lunar New Year Party on Saturday. On a rainy day, a pretty large group of children and adults packed the library to listen to stories read by Librarian Susan Parsons, left, with singalongs, Taiko drumming with Sensei Gary Ronne, right, and a Dragon Parade (held inside due to rain). The library thanks Vicki Ozaki and Cal Poly Humboldt for the presence of the spectacular lion. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

McK incorporation meeting

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MCKINLEYVILLE – A special meeting of the McKinleyville Incorporation Exploration Subcommittee will be held today, Wednesday Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. Attend in person at the MCSD Main Conference Room, 1656 Sutter Rd. Or online via Zoom, meeting ID: 873 3099 1138, or call 1-888-788-0099. Agenda items include a discussion with Scott Adair, county economic development director, and review of a draft letter requesting county support.



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Billboards targeted in county sign ordinance

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – Reducing numbers of billboards is a common goal and one that members of the county's Planning Commission share. And with approval of a draft sign ordinance, the commission found a way to limit rebuilds of billboards damaged

by natural forces but there's a 15-year wait time.

Among the policies of the draft ordinance approved at the Feb. 15 commission meeting is one regulating reconstruction of fallen billboards. Their removal is allowed under the policy but due to state law, there's a catch.

The rebuilds can be done under

a discretionary permit that lasts for 15 years to allow billboard owners to gain enough income to recoup their investment.

"After 15 years, it gets removed," said Planning Director John Ford, adding that state law calls for "an amortization period" of economic

SIGNS ❖ PAGE 2

Cal Poly repatriating Native American artifacts

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – Cal Poly Humboldt has hired a coordinator to oversee the repatriation of Native American cultural items held in University collections. This reflects the desire of Cal Poly Humboldt to enthusiastically engage in communication and repatriation with Tribal communities.



Megan Watson

Humboldt is in possession of more than 23,000 individual cultural items that are subject to the law. About 20,000 objects are individual pieces of debitage, the byproduct produced during the making of

REPATRIATION ❖ PAGE 5

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Arcata man dies on SR299

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SR299 – On Thursday, Feb. 15 at about 11 a.m., Trinity River CHP units responded to a traffic collision on SR299 at mile post marker 20 (west of Del Loma).

Patrick Meyers, 75 of Arcata was found unresponsive in the driver's seat of his Ford Ranger. Meyers regained consciousness, was extricated from his vehicle and transported to Mercy Medical Center Redding.

Meyers was eastbound on SR-299 and passed a big rig at high speed in a location where passing is restricted. As he completed his pass and steered back into the east-bound lane, he lost control of his vehicle, which rolled over several times. Alcohol and/or drugs are not suspected as a contributing factor.

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MAF grant apps available

MCKINLEYVILLE AREA FUND
MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Area Fund (MAF) is now accepting applications for the 2024 Grant program. MAF offers small grants to non-profit 501(c)(3) groups in the McKinleyville area to help support services and activities for the community. MAF is interested in reaching as many groups as possible. These grants are intended for special projects rather than general operating expenses. Last year the MAF funded such projects as an air filtration machine for the McKinleyville Com-

munity Choir, equipment for McKinleyville sports teams, computers for the Senior Center, an ADA compliant ramp for the Grange built by the Girl Scouts, a trailer for Winter Express donations for the McKinleyville Lions Club and construction materials for the McKinleyville Skatepark. For information about the grants and to receive an application, please contact John Kulstad at (707) 362-1760 or email kulstad95@gmail.com Completed applications for the grants must be returned or postmarked by Friday, March 22. Grant awards will be made in early May, 2024.

HCTAYC Story Screening free at D Street Center

HUMBOLDT COUNTY TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH COLLABORATION
Community members and service providers are invited to attend the Humboldt County Transition-Age Youth Collaboration (HCTAYC) 2024 Digital Story Screening World Premiere and Youth Panel, Friday, Feb. 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. The free event will be held at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St. in Arcata. In the summer of 2023, eight Humboldt County transition-age youth who have experience in foster care, juvenile justice, mental health and homelessness services traveled to a week-long retreat in the Bay Area. In collaboration with Story Center of Berkeley and HCTAYC staff, youth were given the space to process their lived experiences in various systems and transform these stories into poignant short documentary films. Creation of these three-to-five-minute stories, and storytelling, have been a core part of HCTAYC's advocacy since the program's inception in 2008. Youth storytellers will be present after the screening for a panel discussion of their process and experiences crafting these films. Subject matter of the stories is varied and may be triggering to some. Topics of stories include surviving mental health facilities, navigating the medical system, sexualized violence, queer youth experience and self-harm, among others. Come learn about the lives, advocacy and resilience of these extraordinary young people. Light refreshments and beverages will be available. To protect the health and safety of our immunocompromised community members, masking is encouraged at this event. This event space is zero waste and complies with the City of Arcata's adoption of a Zero Waste Action Plan. Transportation is available for transition-age youth who RSVP to Rosemary Shultz at staff@hctayc.org or by phone (707) 298-5190.

Signs | Discretionary permits

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gain and the county's General Plan sets it at 15 years to "recoup the costs of the billboard."
There was some question as to whether an accident such as a car driving into a billboard can be considered the same way as storm damage. Commissioners agreed that it can be and unanimously approved the draft policy in a straw poll. The billboard dilemma was spiritedly discussed in previous hearings, with some commissioners noting strong public sentiment against billboards and calling for strong regulation. But state law – the Outdoor Advertising Act – limits what local governments can do when it comes to preventing billboard rebuilds. Commissioner Brian Mitchell was not at last week's hearing and had taken the strongest stance against allowing the rebuilds. Commissioner Noah Levy noted the legal limitations. "It does feel that you've thoroughly tracked down how far we can go to prevent the replacement of billboards," he told planning staff. While existing billboards get some cover under state law, new ones do not and are prohibited in the draft ordinance. Rebuilds of billboards in environmentally sensitive and designated scenic areas are also not allowed. While commissioners agreed on many sign prohibitions, such as those for digital and roof-mounted signs, there was disagreement on some sign size regulations. A straw poll vote to expand a size allowance for temporary signs – such as political signs – from 32 square feet to 64 square feet failed in a 3-2 split. In another split vote, a majority of commissioners rejected reducing the size of fuel price signs from 24 feet high to 14 feet, with Commissioner Sara West and with newly-seated Commissioner Jerome Qiriazhi in the minority. A majority of commissioners supported a compromise of 18 feet high, with Commissioner Thomas Mulder voting against. As with several other deviations from the ordinance's requirements, bigger signs can be approved under a discretionary permit process. The size of ground-mounted "monument signs" was increased from six feet high and eight feet wide to seven feet by 12 feet, with Qiriazhi disagreeing. Earlier in the hearing, Qiriazhi suggested changing the wording of the ordinance's purpose statement to acknowledge pedestrian and bicyclists, saying, "signs serve people, not vehicles..". But other commissioners considered the statement's language and its reference to "traffic" to be general enough to include all road users. The commissioner unanimously voted to approve the draft ordinance with the changes made during the hearing. The commission-approved ordinance is a recommendation, with final approval to be made by the county's Board of Supervisors.

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Monday, Feb. 12	00.00	29.41	23.55	24.32
Tuesday, Feb. 13	00.02	29.43	23.69	24.52
Wednesday, Feb. 14	01.12	30.55	23.89	24.73
Thursday, Feb. 15	00.16	30.71	23.89	24.93
Friday, Feb. 16	00.00	30.71	23.89	25.13
Saturday, Feb. 17	01.07	31.78	23.89	25.33

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1 Goya's "Duchess of ____"
5 Tumbler, e.g.
10 Track figures
14 Lender's protection
15 Renegade
16 Sign of secrecy
17 All-powerful
19 Salinger girl
20 Bringing up the rear
21 Obtained
23 Knotted neckwear
25 Except that
26 Part of HMO
29 Reach, as a goal
31 World Series mo.
32 Radio and TV, e.g.
34 Hero's award
37 Resistance unit
38 Dye ingredient
40 Tavern offering
41 Meat and potatoes, e.g.
43 Amber or umber
44 Hound
45 Volleyball position
47 Linux software pkg., informally


DOWN
14 Habanero, for one
15 Pasta topper
18 Get what's coming?
19 Keyboard in a Bach title
21 Tied up
22 Mosquito repelling candle
23 Parachute pull
24 They may buckle
26 Lunar trench
27 Shirley Temple film, "Bright ____"
28 Perception
29 Slip (into)
1 Skin cream ingredient
2 Portray artistically
3 Fudge, as a rule
4 Kind of cracker
5 Old coin
6 Bingo's kin
7 Get on in years
8 Phoenix team
9 Embark, as on a journey
10 Rest on top of
11 Progeny

12 March of ____
13 Mushers' vehicles
18 USPS manager
22 Part of HUAC
24 Clothes pros
26 Horseshoe locale
27 Sound effect
28 It covers the earth
30 Lobster part
33 Chop up
35 Banned apple spray
36 Danish toy company
39 Lumpy
42 Relies (upon)
46 Magic show makeup
48 Like arctic winters
49 Chessman
50 Diplomatic messenger
52 "Green ____"
54 Rake part
56 Hip bones
57 Building additions
58 Breathing rattle
61 Midmorning hour

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Hupa language immersion

Bayside Corners welcomes community members to the Bayside Temperance Hall's 2024 Leading Light Series. Four local organizations will present their extraordinary projects for social change and increasing public awareness.

The first presentation will be about the "Hupa Language Immersion Nest: Cultivating Intergenerational Healing through Language Resurgence & Na:tinixwe Education" on Thursday, March 7 at 6 p.m.

The teaching team of Sara Chase-Merrick, Ericka Chase-Tracey, Jenna Hailey, Melissa Sanchez and Muriel Ammon



are dedicated to using the powerful tool of immersion to teach the Hupa language to a toddler cohort in Hoopa.

Their school reimagines education, drawing from traditional knowledge, cultural activities, and Hupa language. 2023-2024 marks the first year of the Hupa Language Immersion Nest, and if all goes as planned, the start of the Hupa Language Immersion elementary school. They will present the model, their school's history, and the community context for their program, followed by an informal question and answer period. Beverages will be served.

Each presentation in the Leading Lights Series will be \$10/person. To learn more and save your seat, email baysidecorners@gmail.com. Pay at baysidecorners.org, donate or at the door.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events at the Bayside Temperance Hall:

- The Northcoast Environmental Center presents an "Inspiring evening with Dave Van de Mark's 50 years of photography" to document and protect Redwood Forests, Saturday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. .

- The annual "Evening of Irish Music at the Bayside Temperance Hall" with live music by Good Company and the Dominic Romano, Evan Morden duet, Friday, March 15 at 6 p.m.

- The Humboldt Asian & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity team will present the "Eureka Chinatown Project," the need to share Eureka's past treatment of its Chinese population, and current plans for this collaborative project with the City of Eureka Thursday, April 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Annual Latino Film Festival

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT – Celebrating its 25th year, Cal Poly Humboldt and College of the Redwoods present the Annual International Latino Film Festival at Mill Creek Cinema, Feb. 27, 28 and 29 from 6 to 10:20 p.m.

Students and the general public are invited to view three outstanding films relating to the theme "Environmental Issues in Latin America:"

Nostalgia de la Luz (Ulises Porra & Silvina Schnicer, 2021), Abrazo de la Serpiente (Ciro Guerra, 2015), and A Million Miles Away (Alejandra Márquez Abella, 2023).

Admission to the festival is free, with a suggested donation of \$5 (cards only, no cash). For all questions regarding this event, please contact the Cal Poly Department of World Languages & Cultures at (707) 826-3226.

The special guest speaker for this year's festival is Myrna Santiago, a history professor and director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Saint Mary's College of California. She received her B.A. from Princeton University and her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

She teaches Latin American history with courses on environmental history, Central American women, revolutions in the 20th century, and the history of the drug trade. Her research has focused on labor and environmental history in Latin America, analyzing the social and ecological effects of extractive industries.

Santiago's book, *The Ecology of Oil: Environment, Labor, and the Mexican Revolution, 1900-1938*, won two prizes. She has published about oil and mining in English and Spanish. Her current research is on disasters, specifically two earthquakes that destroyed Managua, Nicaragua, in the 20th century.

At Saint Mary's, Santiago is on the advisory board for the Institute for Latino and Latin American Studies and has organized fact-finding trips to the San Diego-Tijuana border for both faculty and students. She is also the faculty advisor for the student Latinx organization, La Hermandad.

The films and panelists for this year's festival will appear as follows:

- Feb. 27: *Nostalgia de la*

Luz (2021)

A documentary about two different searches conducted in the Chilean Atacama Desert: one by astronomers looking for answers about the history of the cosmos, and one by women looking for the remains of loved ones killed by military officer and politician Augusto Pinochet's regime.

The panelists will include keynote speaker Santiago, Cal Poly Humboldt World Languages & Culture Emeritus faculty member Lilianet Brintrup, and History instructor Ryder Dschida Montel Vander Horck, Career Center manager at College of the Redwoods, will moderate the panel.

- Feb. 28: *El Abrazo de la Serpiente* (2015)

The film showcases the story of the relationship between Karamakate, an Amazonian shaman and the last survivor of his people, and two scientists who work together for 40 years to search the Amazon for a sacred healing plant.

Panelists will include Santiago, College of the Redwoods Art professor Gabrielle Gopinath, and Cal Poly Humboldt Botany professor Oscar Vargas. Russell "Carlos" Gaskell, co-director of Cal Poly Humboldt's Language Lab, will moderate the panel.

- Feb. 29: *A Million Miles Away* (2023)

This biopic follows engineer José Hernández and his path from a farm worker to NASA astronaut. It's a tale of perseverance, community, and sacrifice to accomplish a seemingly impossible dream.

Panelists will include Santiago, College of the Redwoods Astronomy Professor Jon Pedicino, and Humboldt's Fisheries Biology professor José Marín Jarrín and be moderated by Humboldt's Biological Sciences professor Catalina Cuéllar-Gempeler.

This long-standing community event is generously sponsored by Equity Arcata and a collaboration between College of the Redwoods Multicultural Equity Center and Humanities department and Cal Poly Humboldt's World Languages & Cultures department.

For more information, call the Cal Poly Humboldt World Languages & Cultures department at (707) 826-3226.

Hope the cuddle bug, VB the tracking gem

Here are a couple of girls for you to consider. They have very different strengths and charms but perhaps one of them will be just what you're looking for!

First up is Hope. Hope had the chance to hang out in a foster home for a bit and I couldn't describe her any better than



DOG TOWN Mara Segal

her foster mom has. "Hope is a spunky cuddle bug and we love her personality! She likes walks, treats, toys and belly rubs. She will flop onto your lap if you sit on the ground with her.

She would love to be with you as much as you'd let her, but she's also OK being left behind a baby gate. She may protest with little whines, but calms down quickly. She's not destructive and she doesn't scratch or dig at doors or the floor. She's well mannered in the house, quickly finding her dog bed and laying down and only chewing on her toys.

Hope takes treats very gently and loves to play fetch. She doesn't bark at all and knows sit, lay down, and stay. When let out to potty, she goes out and does her business quickly. She likes to



Hope and VB. LEFT PHOTO BY JESSIE KELLY, RIGHT PHOTO BY ASHLEY YOUNG

spend time outside afterwards but will come back in when you call her. She's had no accidents in the house and sleeps through the whole night. When given a bath, she waited patiently in the tub and enjoyed being dried off with a towel (lots of snorts and rolling around). Walking her in public is a stress-free breeze. She was friendly to a child that met her on a walk at the marina." Hope was fine with the cat and other dog in the home as well.

Hope is a young 10 years old and weighs about 50 pounds. Our volunteers love to walk Miss Hope! She is available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. Appointments to meet her can be made at (707) 840-9132.

Our other featured girl for this week is VB. VB has some special talents. On a stormy day last week we had a trainer

come to the shelter and evaluate her for tracking skills. I was amazed as I watched VB track her tennis ball in high weeds and crazy stormy weather, never missing once. For the lay person, this means that the ball was thrown, VB was restrained and even turned around several times before being released. She had to cross a culvert and hunt in the field for her ball. She never came back without it, even if it meant hunting for several minutes. This girl is a great candidate for scent work or conservation work.

VB is a little shy around new people which is keeping her from going up for adoption at the shelter, but once she gets to know you (especially if you like to play fetch), she is quite a sweetheart. VB is a two-year-old Australian Kelpie cross, weighing in at around 40 pounds. She is fine around other dogs and doesn't respond even if they are barking at her. Someone will get a real gem of a dog when they take VB home!

VB is available through Redwood Pals Rescue. Inquiries welcomed at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or (707) 633-8842.

Will Arcatans bring take-out containers to dinner?

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata Environmental Services Department is now encouraging community members to bring reusable containers when they are getting take-out food! The Single-Use Disposable (SUD) Foodware Ordinance allows customers to bring their own reusables to restaurants. The ordinance was passed in 2020 and includes multiple components to help reduce single-use disposable waste.

Ordinance 1527 establishes regulations related to SUD foodware items.

This is meant to reduce the use of plastic foodware that contributes to street litter, marine pollution, harm to wildlife, landfill waste and greenhouse gas emissions by requiring fiber-based compostable foodware to be used for take-out.

This ordinance also requires food vendors to use reusable foodware, such as ceramic, glass or metal for customers that are dining in and when the restaurant has dishwashing capacity. Accessory foodware, such as straws, utensils, napkins and condiment pack-

ets are required to be provided only upon request or at a self-service station.

Another important aspect of this ordinance, in accordance with California Assembly Bill 619, known as the "Bring Your Own" bill, customers are encouraged to bring in their own reusable containers to food establishments for take-out or leftovers, instead of using the disposable foodware containers provided by the food vendor.

Please ensure that all take-out containers are clean and durable.

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Scholarship applications are now available by contacting counselors at Arcata High School, McKinleyville High School and Six Rivers Charter School.

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VTS SUNNY BRAE WORKDAY The next Volunteer Trail Stewards (VTS) workday is coming up Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

VTS volunteers are heading up to the Sunny Brae Forest to clean up the Beith Creek Loop and the Panorama Court connector trail, tackle the invasive invasion (*crocospmia*, ivy, etc.), do some weed eating around the trailhead, etc. Plenty to do. The workday ends with the usual make-your-own sandwich bar.

Meet at the base of the concrete steps on Margaret Lane, the primary trail-head for the Sunny Brae Forest.

For those who are unfamiliar, take Buttermilk east for 0.9 mile and at the small roundabout turn left on Margaret for one block. GPS coordinates: 40.858186, -124.058074.

Bring your own gloves and water. Rain or shine. Please RSVP at hughes@humboldt.edu to help in planning lunch supplies.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 24. Meet leader Barbara Reisman at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh plants, wastewater treatment, and/or ecology. For more

information, call (707)
826-2359.

WIGI WETLANDS WORKDAY Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. for a Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. Help create bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash. The trail section is located behind the Bayshore Mall and volunteers will meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. We will provide tools, gloves, and packaged snacks. Please bring your drinking water. Contact

Jeremy Cashen at *jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com* or (214) 605-7368.

SOHUM BIRD TOUR Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for a Southern Humboldt birding walk on Saturday, Feb. 24. This walk includes 2-3 miles of gentle walking through riparian, grassland, and mixed hardwood forests with bird species varying by season. In the winter, white-crowned and golden-crowned sparrows abound and Lincoln's sparrows, Northern harriers, and Wilson's snipe might be observed, as well as the year-round residents like jays, towhees, woodpeckers, and several raptor species. Meet at the Tooby Park parking lot located 1 mile west of Garberville on Sprowl Creek Road. This trip occurs on the fourth Saturday of every month, generally starts around 8:30 a.m., and the leaders vary by month. Call Ann at (707) 296-8720 for the correct start time or with any other questions.

HALF-DAY OUTING TO SOUTH SPIT Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society and trip leader Ken Burton on Sunday, Feb. 25 for a half-day outing to the Humboldt Bay South Spit. This nearly treeless peninsula presents bay and ocean habitats. Among the commoner species, we'll also look for Tundra Swan, Black Scoter, Common Goldeneye, Red-necked Grebe, Snowy Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Rock Sandpiper, Parasitic Jaeger, Black-legged Kittiwake, Barn Owl, Burrowing Owl, and Short-eared Owl. This will be primarily a driving trip with some short walks on sand and other soft surfaces. Meet Ken (shrikethree@gmail.com) at the beach parking lot below Waluph-Lighthouse Ranch (40.69711, -124.27547) at 8:30 a.m. We'll be out until about noon; pack food if you wish to stay for lunch at the end.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, Isaac Minor, principal owner in the new First National Bank, purchased the valuable building lot at the corner of 10th and H streets from N. H. Falk, who has held it for a number of years. The time spent in making the deal covered about three minutes and, according to one of the principals, Mr. Minor met Mr. Falk on H Street near the property on Saturday and said: "Falk, how much do you want for your corner?" "\$11,000," Falk reportedly said. "Make out the deed." That was all there was to it, and in less than an hour the deed was made out, the money was in the bank and the deed was on the way to the recorder's office. When interviewed by a *Union* man as to what he intended to do with the property Mr. Minor said: "It is for a new hotel."

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Trinidad Rancheria scoping interchange

TRINIDAD RANCHERIA
TRINIDAD – The Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria (Trinidad Rancheria) proposes a range of roadway improvements in Humboldt County along U.S. Highway 101 between post mile (PM) 99.6 and PM 101.1 (project).
The proposed project would include improvements to the existing U.S. 101/Trinidad-Main Street interchange; construction of a new U.S. 101 interchange or a pedestrian overcrossing of U.S. 101 at Cher-Ae Lane with no connection to U.S. 101, and improvements to U.S. 101 mainline and Scenic Drive.

The Trinidad Rancheria, a federally recognized tribe having a government-to-government relationship with the United States is not a public agency, and cannot be the CEQA lead agency for this project.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 1, as the



permitting agency, will be the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will assume responsibilities of lead agency for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assignment.

Caltrans plans to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA), pursuant to CEQA and NEPA.

Scoping process
The scoping process for the project includes early consultation with public agencies and the general public.

A public scoping meeting was planned for Tuesday, Feb. 20 p.m. at The Heights Casino – Bingo Hall, 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad, Calif.

The meeting was to provide interested parties the opportunity to learn about the proposed project and to submit comments to assist the project team in the Draft EIR development process.

The Trinidad Rancheria has hired a professional videographer and will make the recording available for viewing following the meeting.

Caltrans is accepting written comments until March 15, 2024, by mail



PROJECT POSSIBILITIES
Aspects of Alternative 3D.
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and/or email at the addresses below.
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The Notice of Preparation with additional project information is available for review on the Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Website, trinidad-rancheria.org/news-announcements/, or you may request a copy by emailing, Leslie Sanders, transportation and land-use director, at lsanders@trinidadrancheria.com.

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Resighini Tribe, State Parks sign historic agreement

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS
KLAMATH — California State Parks and the Resighini Tribe of Yurok People last week announced the signing of a historic agreement to protect the natural and cultural resources in state parks within the Tribe's traditional territory.

"We are honored to be leaders in ocean and coastal stewardship and to continue to work with State Parks toward our common goals," said Fawn C. Murphy, chairperson of the Resighini Tribe of Yurok People. "Tribes have an inherent responsibility to steward and co-manage important cultural and natural resources in our ancestral territories. This MOU establishes a path to revitalizing Indigenous knowledge, supporting access to traditional cultural resources, and putting us back in the places we've been removed from for far too long."

Signed at the Resighini Tribal headquarters in Klamath on Wednesday, Feb. 14, the memo of understanding (MOU) outlines the mutual responsibilities of State Parks and the Resighini Tribe of Yurok People to promote a successful cooperation, co-management, and collaboration between the parties.



Resighini Tribe of Yurok People Leadership and State Parks Leadership at the MOU signing in Klamath on Feb. 14. SUBMITTED PHOTO

This includes incorporating indigenous traditional knowledge to better protect and preserve state parks, and ensuring consultation and meaningful dialogue takes place sufficiently in advance of final decision-making on what may affect source protection, as well as its contribution to meeting the State of California's goals to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030 (30x30).

"This agreement with the Resighini Tribe represents a formal reconnection with the deep-time knowledge of cultures who have been here for hundreds of generations," said Armando Quintero, director of California's State Parks. "Our commitment to working with each other is a commitment to the healthy future of the natural and cultural resources in the state parks which are in the Resighini Tribe's territory."

The State Parks Tribal MOU program seeks to facilitate collaboration between California Native American tribes and State Parks by establishing protocols for continuous open discussions and outlining the responsibilities of each party to promote successful cooperation and partnership. This is the 11th MOU between State Parks and a California Native American tribe. The first one was signed on April 13, 2017. To learn more about the program, please visit parks.ca.gov/Tribal-

Repatriation | Tribes will decide what to do with items

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stone tools. Humboldt does not have any human remains.

Cal Poly Humboldt fully supports NAGPRA, and this permanent, full-time position is a continuation of the University's efforts to repatriate items from the collection to Native American Tribes. University staff have been in communication with Tribes associated with the majority of objects in the collections.

Humboldt researchers have worked directly and consulted with Tribes since the 1990s on research and excavations involving Tribal cultural items. Humboldt continues to collaborate closely with Tribes. Previously, the duties of coordinating with Tribes and complying with NAGPRA were shared by faculty who held other positions as well.

Watson has worked as an archaeologist in cultural resource management in the private sector for the last 12 years, and interned in San Francisco State's NAGPRA lab during her undergraduate studies. "That experience shaped my career and the way I work with Tribes," she says. "I'm honored to be part of the repatriation process. It's one of the most important things we can do in this discipline."

The long-term goal, Watson explains, is 100 percent repatriation of the cultural items that Humboldt currently possesses. Ultimately Native Tribes will decide what they want to do with their cultural items, with Humboldt's help. Not

every object may be physically transferred, as some Tribes may not have the facilities to store them and may prefer that Humboldt continue to house them in a permanent setting.

"It's all about the Tribes' wishes," Watson says. "As archaeologists, working with Tribes is completely vital to what we do."

In the short term, Watson is connecting with Tribes to continue the repatriation process. "A lot of good work has already been done at Humboldt, including consultation with Tribes," she explains.

Now, with a dedicated position, that work should progress more consistently. She is also coordinating the development of a campus NAGPRA committee, a process that is overseen by the Native American Heritage Commission. The committee will oversee the process and her work.

The State and The California State University are reaffirming a commitment to repatriation, Watson says. Humboldt is one of six CSU campuses to have hired a dedicated NAGPRA coordinator so far.

In the era during her previous NAGPRA internship, Watson says she didn't know if 100 percent repatriation would ever be possible. "There were a lot of barriers," she says. "People are taking it much more seriously now. There's a bright light at the end of the tunnel. Cal Poly Humboldt is wholly committed to this process."

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Lots of reasons to vote for or against Measure A

Measure A’s many harms

I write to urge Humboldt County voters to vote No on Measure A, aka the Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative. It is misleading, destructive and just plain bad law.

I am a California environmental regulatory compliance attorney and have worked in that capacity since 1989. For eleven years I prosecuted environmental crimes on the North Coast, eight of them in the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office.

I have represented commercial cannabis farmers and operators in Humboldt County in achieving commercial licensure since cannabis was first legalized. More recently I lead-authored a new chapter on “Commercial Cannabis Development: Licensing and Permitting” for a legal treatise, covering all of the pertinent statutes and regulations governing the Department of Cannabis Control as well as policy and guidance documents from the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Among many others, here are three examples from its stated “Purpose” of why Measure A is bad law:

First, Measure A purports to “ensure greater public participation in decision-making.” Instead, it misleads the public and in so doing nullifies the collaborative will of Humboldt County’s citizens who worked for years to shape the county’s commercial cannabis ordinances. The initiative over-regulates an already hyper-regulated industry and will severely limit the ability of Humboldt’s world-famous cannabis farmers to survive. It is complex legislation by initiative fiat with no public input of any type, and to secure its changes it amends the county’s General Plan to prohibit any collaborative process to address those amendments. *I.e., it reduces* public participation. Why do the measure’s proponents so disrespect their fellow Humboldt County residents’ extensive grassroots efforts and sacrifice?

Next, Measure A also purports to reduce “potential impacts to streams and watersheds.” That is hardly the case. California employs a two-tiered approach for commercial cannabis licensure: first a local land use permit must be obtained and only when one has such a permit can one apply to the State for a license. The great bulk of the time, effort and money to obtain full licensure is expended at the local level, as that is where a multitude of natural resource agencies must be satisfied in order for the local government to issue its permit. It is these agencies which collectively have imposed a wider array of regulations on cannabis than on any other commercial agricultural product.

In particular, the SWRCB and the DFW impose extensive and strict regulatory regimes including stream gage reporting, diversion restrictions and forbearance periods not existing for other crops. Examples: The Water Board’s “General Order for Cannabis Cultivation Activities” is 25 pages long, with its “Cannabis Cultivation Policy” document running 117 pages, and the Policy’s “Attachment A, Definitions and Requirements for Cannabis Cultivation” running another 70 pages. There are many, many more cannabis regulatory documents from the Water Board and the DFW (in addition to other agencies addressing issues beyond water). These state agencies have already imposed extensively researched and publicly vetted cannabis industry water protections targeting specific watersheds far beyond any other crop in California, and Measure A just piles on more.

Most devastating is the measure’s comprehensively restrictive definition of the term “Expanded” (regarding “uses”) and its radical reach in prohibiting any form of expansion to a cannabis permit holder, a wooden stake unheard of for any other permitted activities. The initiative reads: “Examples of “expanded” uses include, but are not limited to, an increase in cultivation area, water usage, energy supply, or the number or size of any structures used in connection with cultivation.”

Here are three examples of how the initiative’s “Policies” will strangle Humboldt’s small farms (emphases added): (1) “Limitations on ... Permits,” CC-P2 prohibits any “expansion” for *any* farm over 10,000 square feet, (2) “Discretionary Review,” CC-P8 requires “*all* applications for new or expanded” cultivation over 3,000 square feet to require a Conditional Use Permit (or equivalent) “*regardless of size, land use designation, or zoning classification*”; and (3) “Roads,” CC-P13 requires that applicants for *any* “permit for new or expanded” cultivation activities on a parcel served by a private road without a centerline stripe be accompanied by a licensed engineer’s report “that the road meets or exceeds the Category 4 standard,” a standard that very few rural roads in Humboldt meet.

There are a great many good reasons why Measure A is bad for Humboldt, I offer these three. Measure A is anti-democratic, overkill, hurtful for Humboldt County and must be voted down.

Paul Hagen
Arcata

❖ LETTERS

Measure A good, lies bad

Talk about a revolution. For more than half a century, pot was a crime in Humboldt County and I was a criminal on a regular basis. I was OK with that. I adopted an alias so I could write about it.

Now I’m supporting Measure A because my county government is once again using marijuana to infringe on my liberties—specifically, my right to have a say in what happens in my neighborhood and my watershed. It is pursuing policies that enforce some people’s rights at the expense of others. And it’s in it for the money. Yes, it does spend money on public services, but it’s perpetually in short supply and most of it stays in the pockets of the private sector. That’s what flawed regulation does. Its rules are meant to be gotten around.

The growers are being used in this War On Actually Regulated Drugs because that’s how the county and state have traditionally done business. That’s how Native people were regulated onto reservations. That’s how the forests were regulated into the bank accounts of wealthy families in San Francisco and Portland. In the old illegal underground model, too much of the profits were going to services and organizations the county and state did not necessarily favor.

The growers’ leadership, and the leadership of some of our environmental groups, have also adopted this model based on the criminalized drug trade. Secrecy and double talk and violence were justified by what the state was doing to us. And now the entire nation’s public discourse follows this gangster model: say it loud enough and often enough, and in your face, it’s true.

For example, the lie being told by county planning, that Measure A will prohibit the installation of solar panels on your farm. That’s a line you’d expect from a shoddy real estate salesman. The county is acting as an interested investor, just as it has habitually done with land and timber interests. Like many of our leaders (and former leaders) the county wants to see Big Cannabis go the same route our small mills went, and if they follow the county’s lead it’s where small farms will go.

Another mistruth, favored by city council members and environmental groups, claims that the Measure A initiative process was some kind of back-room secret con job. That’s an even shabbier lie, if you stop for a moment and think. You don’t collect 7,000 signatures by pushing 10,000 people (not everyone signs) into a closet and not letting them out till they’re confused enough to sign. I recall stopping to help a couple of petitioners manage all the papers and information required for tabling in the midst of a public event. It was a long, tedious, painstaking process. You may have walked by some of those signature gatherers yourself.

I don’t know whether 7,000 people attended the county’s hearings during the formulation of Cannabis 2.0. I believe it was a substantial number. But I didn’t go, and I’d been following this issue for decades. I even wrote a book about it, but I didn’t want to write this chapter. Leave it to the growers, I said. I think now that was a mistake.

Don’t get me wrong. The people who put their labor into the existing rules did a monumental job. It got a legal market going. It was an extremely difficult transition for people who worked hard and lost their investment. After decades of beating up on the culture and economy of pot, now the government was going through its pockets for money. Creating Cannabis 2.0 was like EMT’s treating a mugging victim. Measure A is a step toward the patient’s long-term recovery.

It’s easy to see why growers fear this is just one more hand in their pockets. “The final nail in the coffin,” say those who want to capitalize on those fears. The county sheriff and I are once again on opposite sides of the issue because he’s spreading fear that environmental and planning regulations may lead to crime. A nonprofit fears the loss of support, and purges its board of a Measure A proponent. Out in the hills, big grow rigs have permission to run you off the road if they think you’re a Measure A person. All that violence inflicted on a previous generation by law enforcement and power monopolies seems to be coming back around.

And now here is Measure A – maybe in the form of your neighbor – to blame it on. And the Growers Alliance, politicians, even former politicians, are adding to the bonfire. I still need my alias.

Maybe you’ve heard the story going around, about the grower who confronted the old guy at the mall collecting signatures for Measure A. Give it up, he said. We own this county and there’s nothing you or anybody else can do to stop it.

I thank KMUD, Trees Foundation, CPH faculty and news outlets for providing op-

portunity for open debate and discussion. I encourage everyone to consult Measure A’s website and take note of what it does and doesn’t say. This is a revolution we need to keep moving.

Dr Loon [Jerry Martien]

Dr Loon is the author of numerous articles about economics and *The Price of a Life: Four Kinds of Money in the Humboldt Bay/Six Rivers Region*. His nom de plume was adopted by Jerry Martien in 1974.

Eureka

Measure A hurts farmers

I’m writing today regarding the Humboldt County Cannabis reform initiative, Measure A. I support Humboldt County cannabis farmers, especially small farmers, and stand in opposition to Measure A.

Measure A will disadvantage Humboldt County cannabis farmers in the statewide marketplace, especially small farmers. If Measure A were a statewide initiative, leveling the playing field for cannabis farmers statewide, I would reconsider my position, but to further disadvantage Humboldt County farmers compared to farmers in other counties at this critical time when farmers are already struggling to survive is short sighted. Humboldt County Farmers need our support, not this final nail in the coffin.

The proponents have portrayed Measure A as protecting small farmers, but I am not aware of a single small farmer in support of this regulation reform. One of the struggles small farmers have voiced to me is, “the regulators keep moving the goal post.” Measure A represents another slide of the “goal post” causing harm to Humboldt County farmers.

I am also concerned about the divide in our community around Measure A. Both the Measure A proponents and Humboldt County farmers are our friends and neighbors. When the votes are counted, I hope we can all remember we all want a more resilient and sustainable community and that is why I am encouraging you to join me in voting NO on Measure A.

There are valid arguments the current Humboldt County cannabis code has faults. No one who has gone through the cannabis regulation process will tell you it has been a completely flawless process. Whether you are a farmer working to achieve compliance, or a regulator seeking to encourage and support compliance, everyone who has participated will tell you it has been a difficult process.

The current Humboldt County cannabis code was developed in an open transparent public process consuming thousands of person hours. I attended many of the Planning Commission meetings when the current county cannabis rules were being developed. I commented at the meetings, I watched others share their opinion, and the rules were molded through that open transparent public process. Not every suggestion was accepted, but many were, and I can say with confidence all comments were considered.

If you believe, as I do, that the voter ballot initiate is a valuable tool to help voters address concerns to which government proves non-responsive, this tool is not needed in this case. If you were not at those Planning Commission meetings, then you might think your government was non-responsive in this regulation development process. But I was there, and I can tell you, the process developed with our input.

Cannabis is already the single most regulated agricultural endeavor ever. Measure A is overburdensome and unnecessary regulation. If you care about Humboldt County and Humboldt County farmers, please join me in voting NO on Measure A.

Nate Madsen
Petrolia

Measure A slows destruction

Cumulative human impacts make headlines almost daily – climate catastrophes, plummeting biodiversity, fishing closures, skyrocketing costs for energy and insurance, immigration, fear and anger...

Cumulative impacts are the long-term, gradual, and compounding effects of multiple stressors, which can irreversibly damage ecosystems and communities – like the loading of hay on the camel’s back ‘til it breaks with the last straw.

Humboldt’s watersheds may be close to a tipping point. They were once among the world’s great salmon-producers. They once produced the tallest forests in the world. Their waters once ran slow, cool and clear year-round, moderating temperatures and recharging vast underground reservoirs.

Today our commercial, sport, and even tribal salmon fisheries are being curtailed; our forests are declining in health and burning at unprecedented rates; winter flood events are at historic highs, while summer flows are drying up – from generations of in-

dustrial-scale impacts:

- fur trade: which eliminated wetland-engineering beavers
- mining: which blasted soil from hillsides into streams, then dredged the streambeds
- logging: which destabilizes soils and destroys integrity of forest canopies, burying salmon spawning beds and overheating habitats
- fishing: which reduces salmon returns, undermining nutrient cycles in waterways and forest soils
- real estate development: which clears forests, extracts water, and alters stream structure
- all of the above bringing invasive species, disease, and pollution

Cannabis farming in the forested watersheds is the latest industry to join this list.

Despite California mandates to evaluate cumulative impacts as early as the 1970s, nearly all Humboldt’s major waterways are now listed by the state as impaired. This should be a priority concern in our county’s planning and permitting process. Instead, the county repeatedly fails to evaluate watershed carrying capacities needed for effective regulation, fails to adequately engage federal and state resource agencies, and fails to give proper attention to public concerns, so the impacts keep piling on.

Cumulative impacts require complex understanding, historic perspective and the ability to see beyond present needs of family, friends, and communities to the long-term needs of the large, voiceless, and often invisible systems of life we ultimately depend on. They are too easy to ignore until too late... and this is happening under the current cannabis ordinance.

We need Measure A to slow down business as usual and pay attention to this problem which will affect us all... before the last straw.

Joyce King
McKinleyville

Actually read Measure A

My friends who grow were black market growers, who went legal, and now have one greenhouse. They are worried about Measure A because of what they heard. So I got a copy of Measure A from the election office, and spent seven hours going over the 32 pages.

I have met HGA [Humboldt Growers Association] and I don’t trust them. And I am suspicious of environmental agencies that don’t want roads paved and government agencies that want money.

The road paving is for new farms. It repeatedly states “road condition forms to be submitted with application.” An already grower is not filling out an application for new. Nowhere does it say already growers have to pave their roads.

Here is section 6 of Measure A:

Section 6 – Exemptions – A. Nothing in this Initiative shall apply to prohibit any person or entity from exercising a vested right obtained, pursuant to local or State law as of the Effective Date of this Initiative.

I don’t trust anybody who doesn’t tell me the exact words, but wants me to believe their brief comment.

Last time I heard my friends complaining it was that they could not compete with the large inventory of these 8-acre farms who could accept a lower price.

Now they are being blackmailed into supporting the existence of the 8 acre farms by... those who want an industry.

My friends just want to live out of town and make money from the backyard and sell to local stores.

They don’t need an industry for that. In fact, one lady told me the industry won’t come to her farm to pick up her product to be trimmed because she only has 20 pounds. And she is not allowed to trim it herself. And is not allowed to “transportation” it herself.

Measure does not prohibit building anything that is not involved in pot cultivation.

Production buildings can be rebuilt/re-modeled, but not bigger. Water tanks are necessary. Solar panels will also be necessary to as it says “phase out generators.”

It does sound like paperwork hell for someone who has just one greenhouse.

It is 32 pages because is it is not vague. They went to San Francisco for legal policy lawyers who knew how to write a measure that says it all and is hard to litigate. And yes, the door to the hall was closed.

It means nothing to me. The legalization of growing pot ended my endeavors.

I am just a silly American who is tired of people who lie to get what they want by hook or by crook. Send for a copy of measure a by calling the elections office at (707) 445-7481 and read it yourself.

Because it is stupid to vote one way or the other on an issue if you are going on “what you heard!”

John Wynands
Bridgeville

Re-elect Mike Wilson

I am going to keep this short. I still like Mike Wilson. Although he and I may not agree 100 percent all of the time (a rare occurrence), I know that he continues to be committed to make positive impacts on Humboldt County, its people and environment. I trust him to do diligent research on all issues and come to thoughtful and wise decisions. He works well with others.

Mike Wilson is articulate, respectful and conducts himself well in the public arena, on the Board of Supervisors and throughout California and we are lucky to have him represent the Third District and the board. Mike is an all-round good person and I continue to support him in his efforts.

**Robin Hashem
Arcata**

Kreis presumed innocent

Weaponizing investigations as a smear campaign in politics is nothing new. From communists in the State Department to Benghazi to Hunter Biden's laptop, allegations lacking proof can be used to assassinate a public official's character.

Judge Greg Kreis' endorsements from all corners of the Humboldt County establishment and throughout the legal community are a testament to his character from people who have known and worked with him. Greg was also well vetted before his appointment by the governor.

Shouldn't we give Judge Kreis the same presumption of innocence we would want if we found ourselves before him in court?

**Richard Salzman
Arcata**

Kries deserves re-election

As an attorney who has practiced in Humboldt County since 1993, and who regularly appears before Judge Gregory Kreis, I fully endorse him for re-election. During the several years Judge Kreis presided over the Family Law calendar, I regularly appeared before him two to four times per week for both motions and trials, and I continue to have cases before him (but with less frequency since he is now typically presiding over other types of cases). My experience with Judge Kreis is that he acts with integrity, and he is fair and impartial.

The allegations (allegations are not facts) in the recent complaint before the Commission on Judicial Performance, which go back years before Judge Kreis was even a judge, appear to me to be politically motivated. As a local attorney who regularly appeared in Judge Kreis' courtroom, I am familiar with

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some of the named attorneys and parties, and believe they have an axe to grind.

The timing of the allegations, just before the election, also causes one to wonder regarding their veracity. No matter what side of the political spectrum one rests, election eve bombs often turn out to be duds.

I have known Judge Kreis first as a local practicing attorney since 2010 and Humboldt County

Superior Court Judge since 2017. He is also a graduate from Humboldt State University. By comparison, I have no recollection of seeing his opponent, April Van Dyke, in court. The State Bar website shows her office is in San Jose (and lists a 408 area code phone number). Although a recent press release claimed Ms. Van Dyke has worked as Conflict Counsel since 2019, she is not listed in Humboldt County Conflict Counsel's website as one of its attorneys. A review of the Internet reveals an article that Ms. Van Dyke left the Humboldt Conflict Counsel job in early 2022 (which would explain her current San Jose office address), and that before her apparent short stint working in Humboldt County, she was practicing law in San Joaquin County.

Judge Kreis is a Humboldt graduate, practiced law in Humboldt starting in 2010 and has been our Superior Court Judge since 2017. In his hundreds of decisions in my cases over which Judge Kreis presided, he has been fair and impartial, and decided the matter based on the law and the facts. His opponent, Ms. Van Dyke, appears to have only a former, short-lived, work history in Humboldt County and according to the State Bar, practices law in San Jose. One would think that an attorney running for Humboldt County Judge would at least work in Humboldt County. I am voting to re-elect Judge Kreis, who has made Humboldt his home for decades and has a proven track record as a fair and impartial judge.

**Kelly Walsh
Eureka**

Kries charges suspicious

Judge Greg Kreis deserves his day in court. The recent media frenzy about Judge Kreis is concerning not only because of the charges being leveled against him but because, like so many public figures, he's being tried in the court of public opinion. Is this really how we want to get to the truth? Any of us could have charges filed against us. Thankfully, we have a formal process to determine guilt or innocence.

I've known Kreis for many years and still believe in him. I don't know about the accusations of partying in his private life that are among the charges but I do know that it's not unusual at all for people in any occupation to socialize with their peers. Most people don't drop their friends when they get a promotion. And how would courts in our small county function if judges recused themselves every time they know the attorney who will to appear before them?

As to some of the accusations, like a friend said, there's often a thread of truth that sways the public. I'll share some of the examples that make me believe this is a well orchestrated and well timed hit on Kreis right before the election.

A few years ago, I had a friend, a single mom, whose son was taken out of state by his father. Out of concern, and wanting to help her, I told Kreis's wife that I wanted to talk to him because I was encouraging my friend to get child custody squared away here, rather than having to drive out of state. She shut me down immediately telling me that Kreis never discussed cases. While I felt a bit rebuffed because after all, we were longtime friends, I came to understand and respect his professional boundaries. So to see one of the charges is that a client of his wife appeared in court before him... has that thread of truth but I don't believe that he was conspiring with this woman at his house before she appeared in court.

In fact, I was always kind of disappointed that he didn't talk about court cases because I'm curious about what goes on in the community. However, I do remember on one occasion over dinner, he expressed frustration with his day and mentioned an attorney, without naming the attorney or talking about the case, who came into court aggressively employing a distracting and divisive tactic. Uncharacteristically, Kreis shared his bewilderment and did say that after repeatedly reprimanding this attorney, he asked him to leave the courtroom, threatening to turn him in to the Bar. We all know it's the job of the judge to keep order in the court but there's that thread of truth again in one of the accusations.

The employee who no longer works at the courthouse might be the person who started a daily blog speculating about the relationship between Kreis and the coworker mentioned in the article. Incredibly inappropriate and disruptive and a reflection of her misguided professional judgement. This coworker was the attorney who Kreis consulted with as he learned to navigate the family court system, her area of expertise.

Kreis is one of the kindest, funniest, gen-

tle, hardworking and dependable people I know. He's has support from both sides of the aisle because of who he is and how he lines up professionally. The vetting process to seat him was extensive and thorough, unlike his unvetted opponent who has been endorsed by the local Dems simply because she's a Dem. Kreis, on the other hand, re-registered as non-partisan after taking the bench to demonstrate to the community that he wouldn't be bringing his personal politics into the courtroom. I'm honored to call him my friend. I hope he's given the opportunity to have his "day in court."

**Eileen McGee
Eureka**

Joe's age-old issues

President Biden may be hoisted with his own petard. In 1972, Biden, then 29, ran for the senate from Delaware arguing that his older opponent wouldn't be up to the task. As the headline in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* noted, "Biden Stressed Age to Defeat Boggs, 63."

In 2020, candidate Biden appeared influenced by this. He said he saw "himself as a bridge, not as anything else" noting there is a generation of potential leaders following him. He added he wouldn't run again if he were in poor health.

Now in 2024, a Special Counsel report commented that Biden might be seen as an "elderly man with a poor memory." This assessment is consistent with the public perception of confusion and incompetence due to Biden's verbal gaffes. Adding to this, Axios reported that the House GOP are planning to spend days investigating Biden's mental state in order to keep the age issue out front.

Biden should have listened to his own past words. If he had, we might not be where we are today with him struggling against a headwind which he precipitated himself. And if he unfortunately loses, one might see the headline "Stressed Age Defeats Biden, 81."

**Sherman Schapiro
Eureka**

Where were the good guys?

I thought that a well-armed citizenry would preclude the kind of shootings we saw in the Chiefs victory parade.

Not only were at least 850 police officers there, but Missouri is an open carry state. No doubt there were hundreds, if not thousands of guns among the celebrants. Yet 20-plus were shot, including many children.

Fortunately, it could never happen in Humboldt County... right?

Regards,
**John Dillon
Eureka**

Diverse coalition of leaders unite to oppose Measure A

NO ON MEASURE A CAMPAIGN

HUMBOLDT – The No on Measure A campaign proudly announced a broad range of additional endorsements against Measure A, including former State Assemblymember Wes Chesbro, Yurok Tribal Council, Rio Dell City Council, Rio Dell Mayor Deborah Garnes, former Fortuna Mayor Sue Long, Second District Assembly candidate Frankie Myers, AFSCME Local 1684, retired small business owner Dave Mulhern and building designer Joyce Plath.

These recent endorsements bolster the unprecedented opposition to Measure A, which also includes the Humboldt Democratic, Republican, and Green Parties, Arcata and Eureka City Councils, Sheriff William Honsal, the Humboldt Deputies Sheriffs Organization, Trinidad Rancheria, Super-

visors Mike Wilson, Rex Bohn and Michelle Bushnell, former elected officials, environmentalists, chambers of commerce and small cannabis and food farmers across the county.

In a comprehensive analysis published in June, Humboldt's Planning Department found that Measure A would make "compliance so difficult that the legal market is rendered not viable in Humboldt County."

"As a voter initiative and if approved, Measure A's language could only be changed or removed by voter initiative," Mayor Debra Garnes said in a letter from Rio Dell City



THE NAY TEAM Alex Stillman, Dave Mulhern, Joyce Plath and Wes Chesbro stand against Measure A.

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Council opposed to Measure A. "This creates innumerable obstacles to the success of the industry in an already highly regulated market that will continue to be dynamic and changing for the foreseeable future."

"Humboldt's cannabis industry is heavily regulated, and more unnecessary regulations will not equate to better environmental conditions," said Arcata City Councilmember Alex Stillman. "That's why I'm voting no."

"Measure A doesn't address illegal farms; it only makes legal farming harder and moves us in a less environmentally positive direction," said Wes Chesbro, former 2nd District State Assemblymember.

"Measure A's vague drafting would lead to a flood of expensive litigation, funded at public expense while prohibiting the Board of Supervisors from making meaningful changes to Humboldt's cannabis ordinances in response to public input," said AFSCME Local 1684 President Sarah Ireland. "As an organization that operates as a democratic body at all levels, locally through our international level, we also object to the lack of public vetting and the proponents of Measure A submitting to the elections office without any public review."

To safeguard Humboldt's small farmers, environment, public safety, and local businesses, it's crucial to vote NO on Measure A by March 5, 2024, ensuring a well-regulated cannabis industry benefits all of Humboldt County.

Major mixer at Merryman's, Tom Marquette honored

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce will host a gathering at Moonstone Beach House, 122 Moonstone Beach Road above Moonstone Beach on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Mix mingle, eat drink, meet new Chamber directors and enjoy a winter evening watching the sun set in one of Trinidad's most iconic venues, formerly Merryman's Beach House and before that the site of the Mermaid Inn after the Redwood Highway was built in the 1920s. Current and prospective Chamber members cordially invited.

Fire Chief Tom Marquette honored

The Trinidad City Council and staff and an appreciative audience recognized Fire Chief Tom Marquette and his 30 years of service to the community at last week's meeting. Long time friends and Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department colleagues Dick Kieselhorst and Bryce Kenny gave some amusing and hair raising anecdotes about the chief.

Dick said "You haven't lived until you've lifted a 400-pound man out of a two story building with two pomeranians nipping at your heels, but that was the fun part...on another occasion we were called by the school principal to capture a skunk trapped at the bottom of the compost bucket and asked to

relocate him to skunk paradise overlooking the ocean in north Trinidad."

Bryce Kenny said that Tom Marquette "deserved a gold watch but if he didn't get that he should have free water service forever." New Fire Chief Shawn Worth was introduced. Chief Worth also is with of the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department. The two volunteer departments always have worked in cooperation, and with Cal Fire as well, and the close connections will endure.

Formation the Trinidad Fire Department began on Nov. 5, 1948. Sibyl Jamieson, editor of Trinidad Civic Club's 1980 *Belles of Trinidad*, a compilation of TCC minutes since the Club formed in 1913, wrote that with much Club and community encouragement "a

meeting was called by the Mayor of Trinidad to discuss and lay plans for community fire protection... Mr. Melendy, the Mayor of Trinidad, brought the meeting to order. Seated on the platform were: Eureka Fire Chief, Mr. Pettengill; Arcata Fire Chief, Mr. Wyatt, John Haney, a volunteer Fireman from Eureka; the Trinidad Town Council – Wilda Tomlinson, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Griffith, Alvin Johnson and Howard Havens... Mr. Gregory asked if the Fire Department was to be a County or City organization and Mr. Pettengill answered

him by saying it would take three months to get a district formed and to decide on the one piece of Equipment to be bought..." and that a petition needed to be presented to the County Supervisors. "If they approved the petition, the District was organized... Ray Knapp told how they loaded 1,000 gallons of water in seven minutes when Trinidad Head was on fire (1945). Mr. Pettengill said it was possible to put out some fires with 200 gallons of water and that pumps could be placed in the creek, the water pumped up to the fire engine and relayed to the fire..."

Soon the Board of Supervisors approved the petition to form a Trinidad Fire District and "Edna Nungester nominated Glenn Saunders as Fire Chief. Seconded by Mr. Gregory and passed. Mrs. Olsen nominated Mr. Robert Baker as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion passed... The Fire Chiefs then asked the mayor to appoint three commissioners. The Mayor appointed Mose Saunders, Al Draut and Howard Havens... Meeting adjourned for pie and coffee." (Some of these notes were taken by TCC's secretary, Ruth Farber.) Later entries in "Belles of Trinidad" read that a fire District was not formed "due to money" but that the fire department project became a City Fire Department.

Seventy-six years later, Mayor Kelly and Councilmembers West, Ladwig, Breckenridge and Tuttle and the greater Trinidad



BOY BAND Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tom Marquette, second from left, was honored for his 30-year commitment to service at last week's City Council meeting. The other volunteers pictured are new Fire Chief Shawn Worth, Bob Cavers and Bryce Kenny. Not pictured are Dick Kieselhorst and Aaron Hakenen. The fireless team is standing in front of Lida Pohler's painting of the redwoods, installed in Trinidad Town Hall in 1951.

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community remain stalwart supporters of the men and women who volunteer their time to save people, pets and property from harm.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

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❖ ZERO TO FIERCE FEST

The Miss American Dream Show

EXIT THEATRE
ARCATA PLAZA – EXIT Theatre Arcata will present Sierra Camille in her one-woman show *The Miss American Dream Show* on Saturday, March 2 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m. as part of the Zero to Fierce Festival.

Everything loved by the ol' red white and blue is served up in *The Miss American Dream Show* with a heaping helping of satire and physical comedy. Join Sierra Camille as faux fox news cheerleader Blanca Fiberton as she delivers thought provoking snacks about immigration, romance, gun control, babies, dating, sex, and popcorn!

Prepare to be saved by the Church Of All Screens and laugh your way through unsettling truths as Sierra Camille takes you away on a comedic political thrill ride. Winner Best of the 2023 San Francisco Fringe Festival.

Sierra received a BFA in Theater Performance from Southern Oregon University. She grew up talking too loud and taking up as much space as possible. She's embraced these qualities and turned them into poignant skills as a physical theater artist, aer-



SIERRA CAMILLE Brings her exuberant one-woman show to the EXIT Theatre on March 2 and March 3.

PHOTO VIA SIERRA CAMILLE WEBSITE

alist, and clown.

Sierra co-founded Levity Aerial Troupe and Skytopia Aerial Arts. Audiences have called her “an electrifying beam of positivity and happiness in this cynical world.” Performance highlights include: Circus Non-sense, The Traveling Spectacular, Oddjob Ensemble, and Misfit Cabaret.

Director Dan Griffiths has served as faculty for the Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre, Clown Conservatory San Francisco, The School for Mime Theater, Columbia College Chicago, Roosevelt University, Indiana Univer-

sity Northwest and American Conservatory Theatre.

He is an award winning theatre maker, director, teacher, and the founder of The Clown Workshop, ClownZero, and KAPOOT Clown Theatre. He has created and performed original theatrical works in more than 45 states and 25 countries since 1988. Dan has performed with the Clown troupe Die Hanswurst, with Chicago's 500 Clown, and internationally for The Department of Defense Overseas Shows.

The Zero to Fierce Festival, produced by the Arcata Playhouse, has highlighted creative women is Humboldt County for the past eight years.

theexit.org



MAKENU performs on Saturday, Feb. 24 in the Carlo Theater in downtown Blue Lake. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. With catchy rhythms and hypnotic melodies, the band has created a mix of traditional cumbia roots with ska, hip hop, psychedelic sounds, rock, Latin American music and tropical vibes. 21 and over. dellarte.com

ELDERBERRY RUST performs Thursday, Feb. 22 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Folk and bluegrass mixed with blues and Americana with a touch of Humboldt County friendly thrown in for good measure. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

CHECKERED PAST performs Friday, Feb. 23 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Checkered Past is a ska, reggae and dub band that plays originals and covers of classics. Also performing with Caribbean Jazz Odyssey, who seamlessly blends the vibrant rhythms of the Caribbean with the improvisational nature of jazz. Also with DJ Chill Will. Doors open at 8:30 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

THE SHIVAS perform Friday, Feb. 23 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St.,

Arcata. The Shivas are a Portland-based rock 'n' roll band that formed as high school best friends. They have released seven original, full-length albums, as well as many EPs and singles on an array of labels, including Tender Loving Empire, Suicide Squeeze and K Records. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

HOTFOOT performs Friday, Feb. 23 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. A mesmerizing blend of jazz, funk, R&B and rare grooves, infectious rhythms and soulful vibes. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

THE LOST DOGS perform Friday, Feb. 23 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. The Lost Dogs are mainly a blues band, but they also enjoy playing a variety of styles such as rockabilly, R&B, a little country and a great selection of covers. The show starts at 7 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, loggerbar.com/events

THE GOOD TIME CHARLIES perform Friday, Feb. 23 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Avenue, McKinleyville. Original and diverse tunes from eclectic local garage folk rock trio Good Time Charlies. Show starts at 5:30

p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

LUTAN FYAH AND THE PURITY ATTACK performs Wednesday, Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. A rootsy reggae singer with messages of unity, love and justice deeply embedded in his music, Jamaican singer Lutan Fyah had his big breakthrough in 2001 when Jah Mason offered Fyah the support slot on his worldwide tour. Three years later he made his full-length debut with “Dem No Know Demself.” *Time and Place* on the Lustre Kings label followed in 2005. Doors open at 8:30 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$28 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

BEN HAGGARD performs Saturday, Feb. 24 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. Ben Haggard has thrilled audiences last year with his authentic Merle-Haggard-style of country music. The son of the man who defined country music's possibilities, Ben recalls Merle telling him, “Go out there and play until there's nobody to play to.” Ben's talent is undeniable, he's proven as natural a performer as you'd expect from someone with his DNA. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 to \$60 in advance. (877) 252-2946, bluelakecasino.com

FLEX BURLESQUE performs Saturday, Feb. 24 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. FLEX Burlesque is the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in a world of glamour, sensuality, pure entertainment and tantalizing lust, in an evening filled with seductive performances, polished routines, jaw-dropping costumes, breathtaking choreography and a whole lot of ass. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets and \$15-45 in advance and at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

FLYNN MARTIN performs Saturday, Feb. 24 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Avenue, McKinleyville. Soulful and acoustic, local Humboldt County duo Flynn Martin play familiar favorites with passion. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC WITH GEORGE KAHUMOKY JR. DANIEL HO AND TIA CARRARE perform Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Fulkerson Recital Hall at Cal Poly Humboldt. Three master Hawaiian musicians show their expertise in traditional and contemporary style, as this group shares the Hawaiian styles of slack key guitar, ukulele and songs traditional and new. The show is led by the acclaimed George Kahumoko, Jr., known as “Hawaii's Renaissance

Man.” He is joined by Daniel Ho, as well as Tia Carrere, known as an actor as well as an accomplished musician. All ages. Doors open at 6 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 general and \$10 for Cal Poly Humboldt students. (707) 826-3928, centerarts.humboldt.edu

EMILY ROBB performs Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Emily Robb is a Philadelphia-based musician most known for her solo guitar works as well as her contributions to bands such as Astute Palace, Louie Louie and Lantern. She utilizes distortion, warmth, tension and familiarity. Also with Humboldt supergroup Winter Band, featuring members of Comets on Fire and Six Organs of Admittance, plus Meg Baird. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

COMING UP
• Sleepytime Gorilla Museum at Humboldt Brewery, Thursday, Feb. 29, 8 p.m.
• Mount Eerie at Richard's Goat, Tuesday, March 5, 8 p.m.
• Altan at the Van Duzer Theatre, Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m.
• The Kyle Smith Band at Humboldt Brewery, Thursday, March 14, 8 p.m.
• The Jennifer Hartswick Band at Humboldt Brewery, Tuesday, March 19, 8 p.m.

Rhythm & Rhymes

RHYTHM AND RHYMES

ARCATA – Join us for an amazing night of spoken word, live R&B and hip-hop music and then hit the dance floor with DJ Pressure the Rhythm and Rhymes Poetry and R&B Music Event on Friday, March 1 at 8:30 p.m. at The Basement in Jacoby's Storehouse, 791 Eighth St. in Arcata.

Local Legend, the singing poet Zera Starchild will kick off the night with guitar and songs, leading into spoken word poetry by Rashad Hedgepeth, Dylan Collins, Lark and Verge.

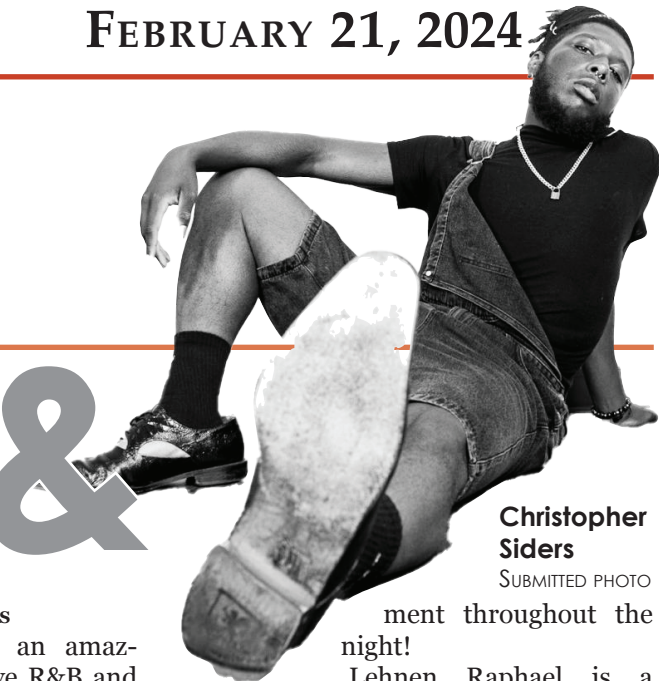
We will also be premiering the amazing voice of a new artist on the scene B. Writes, the beautiful neo-soul sound of Emani ETRNL fresh off her latest release “FLOATIN” and the incredible energy



Lehnen Raphael

There will be live art created by Jullia Finklestein, the owner of The Epitome Gallery!

Sax and bass duo Hermit Crab as well as Lorenza and Bianamancai will provide the vocal and instrumental accompani-



Christopher Siders

SUBMITTED PHOTO

ment throughout the night!

Lehnen Raphael is a genre-bending songsmith, combining elements of Indie R&B, Neo Soul, Hip Hop, Blues, and Jazz into his unique approach.

His writing often comes from a place of longing; for growth, connection, and freedom. Through piercingly vulnerable lyrics and floating melodies, Lehnen weaves a canvas of sound to capture the tides of emotion.

Through the content of his work, award winning Los Angeles based poet, music producer and activist Christopher Siders encourages his audience members to think critically about social norms and how we subconsciously affect one another through our everyday behaviors.

Within his own experiences as an activist, he is able to share his successes and failures, and guide future activists at any institution, to make positive decisions for the community to flourish and teach students to become a better ally for movements or areas of interest.

From 2015-2017, he administered feminism workshops at Soledad Correctional Facility with Richie Reseda, who was featured on CNN's *The Feminist on Cellblock Y* documentary.

Siders also directed *A Race Through Time* play in Spring 2017. Between 2013-2017 he was a cast member for various productions such as *Almost, Maine, and Check, Please.*

Siders professionally performed alongside poets such as Rudy Francisco, Shihan The Poet, Ebony Stewart, and have graced stages such as Dominican University, Beyond Baroque, and recently toured internationally in Europe. His most recent book, *Culture Shock*, was recently released through Boukra Press.

Gullam brings wealth of experience to Eureka Symphony

EUREKA SYMPHONY

EUREKA – The Eureka Symphony announced in December that John Gullam will be the organization's new general manager.

Gullam, a 40-year resident of Humboldt County, brings to the Symphony over 30 years of local non-profit experience, a bachelor of arts in social science, and a master of arts in human services administration from Cal Poly Humboldt.

Currently the President of the Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise, Gullam is active in



John Gullam

service to the local community as well as being a member of the Crabgrass Band and College of the Redwoods Big Band.

While a student at Cal Poly, Gullam played trumpet in jazz band and with the HSU Wind Ensemble. “I am very pleased to be joining such a dynamic, established organization as the Eureka Symphony and look forward to

working with the extraordinarily dedicated board, musicians, artistic director and conductor Carol Jacobson, and the incredibly generous supporters of this tremendous

community asset.”

Gullam will be filling the position of retiring G.M. Robin Hashem who has managed the symphony for the last five years, working with the board and supporters of the organization through the COVID crisis which meant the end for so many U.S. non-profits.

The Eureka Symphony, a community orchestra founded in 1991, performs five concert sets per season with music performed by extraordinarily talented and hard-working community members, often joined by special guest artists.

In the spring each year, the organization

presents Schools To Symphony, a program that brings fourth through sixth grade students from Humboldt County schools to a symphony performance to experience the power and beauty of live orchestral music.

The organization holds two fund raising events per year, a Gala event in the fall to kick off each new season, and the upcoming Chamber Music Benefit. Both events feature the Temporary Resonance Trio (Terrie Baune, violin; John Chernoff, piano; and Carol Jacobson, cello) and are major funding opportunities for the community organization.

eurekasymphony.org

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
24-00090

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE EVERGREEN CO-OP
3469 LK WOOD BLVD.
APT. G
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT
TOMAS A. FANNING
3469 LK WOOD BLVD.
APT. G
ARCATA, CA 95521
MORGAN D. WORNACK
1432 L ST. UNIT A
EUREKA, CA 95501
This business is conducted by: AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION OTHER THAN A PARTNERSHIP
S/TOMAS FANNING
GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 16, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SC/DEPUTY CLERK
2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
24-00087

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
INSTITUTE FOR RURAL PSYCHEDELIC CARE
770 11 STREET SUITE B
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT CENTER FOR NEW GROWTH
CA 5702937
770 11 STREET SUITE B
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
S/DR. CAROL GRIFFIN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 15, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
24-00079

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EUREKA HOME AND GARDEN SHOW
2403 GRAHAM ROAD
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT
BEN D. GOULART
2403 GRAHAM ROAD
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/BEN GOULART
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 13, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
24-00056

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
INNER ALCHEMY HEALING AND SOUND
2212 JACOBY CREEK RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT
JENNIFER E. MADRONE
2212 JACOBY CREEK RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
This business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE
S/JENNIFER MADRONE
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 2, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JC/DEPUTY CLERK
2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
24-00061

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
AZALEA GLEN RV PARK
3883 PATRICKS POINT DR.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
P.O. BOX 1099
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT
JEANNE C. ZARBACK
3883 PATRICKS POINT DR.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
EDWARD C. ZARBACK
3883 PATRICKS POINT DR.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
This business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE
S/EDWARD C. ZARBACK
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 5, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
24-00035

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALL UNDER HEAVEN
735 8TH STREET
ARCATA, CA 95521
P.O. BOX 919
ARCATA, CA 95518
COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT
GAIL M. ROSSIE
735 8TH STREET
ARCATA, CA 95521
TONY (ANTHONY) F. ROSSIE
735 8TH STREET
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE
S/GAIL ROSSI
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 22, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SC/DEPUTY CLERK
1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
24-00039

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ATLANTIS RECORDING COMPANY
265 E 11TH STREET
ARCATA, CA 95521
P.O. BOX 870
ARCATA, CA 95518
COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT
CHRISTOPHER A. REYNOSO
265 E 11TH STREET
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S / C H R I S T O P H E R REYNOSO
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 22, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN: AR1580 / SIMS OTHER: 91228503 T.S. #. 23188-RTAPN: 211-373-033-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/4/2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by VINCE ALAN SIMS and TARA SIMS husband and wife as Joint Tenants, recorded on 6/12/2018 as Instrument No. 2018-010864 in Book --, Page -- of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of HUMBOLDT County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 10/24/2023 in Book --, Page --, as Instrument No. 2023-014079 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 3/1/2024 At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501 at 11:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: See EXHIBIT "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof EXHIBIT A For APN/Parcel ID(s): 211-373-033 PARCEL ONE The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian. Being the same lands described in the deed to Harry James Walsh and Irma Stevens Walsh recorded January 14, 1946 in Book 278 of Deeds, page 482, Humboldt County Records. PARCEL TWO A 25% water right with two collection facilities and a right to install and maintain a 3/4 inch waterline within strips of land 20 feet in width along waterline routes, which routes are to be determined. Said water right and collection facilities are to be located within that portion of Lot 1 of Section 30, lying West of the existing road, the centerline of said existing road to be surveyed and recorded at the expense of the owner of the servient tenement. If Dominate tenement exhausts all reasonable good faith efforts to develop two 1-gallon per minute springs or if water flow is to drop below 1 gallon per minute per spring box, the servient tenement will provide additional flow required to bring total intake to 1 gallon per minute to each spring box not to exceed 25% of the developed water from the East side of said road. Said rights must be developed by the Grantee herein within a period of 3 years of acquisition. PARCEL THREE Waterline rights within Lot 4 of Section 19, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian-Parcels Two and Three, being the same as reserved in deed recorded April 27, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-13272-2, Humboldt County Official Records. PARCEL FOUR The right to lay waterlines and water tanks within the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian. PARCEL FIVE A non-exclusive easement, 50 feet in width, for ingress, egress and public utility purposes in and across that portion of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 24 lying south of the County Road. A.P.N.: 211-373-033-000 The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: Vacant Land, Miranda, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the undersigned within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$866,212.43. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or

savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note(s), fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: January 25, 2024 REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as said Trustee ATTN: ROBERT CULLEN P.O. BOX 6875 SANTA ROSA, CA 95406-0875 By: ROBERT CULLEN, President NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 683-2468 or visit this Internet Web site: www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the Trustee Sale number assigned to this file, T.S. #23188-RT. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4808022 02/07/2024, 02/14/2024, 02/21/2024

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF

JAY D. MESSER
CASE NO.: 2400029
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
JAY D. MESSER
A Petition for Probate has been filed by MARILYN GROVER in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: MARILYN GROVER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: FEB. 29, 2024
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: CV2400008

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: All persons unknown claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the subject property commonly known as 1324 J Street Eureka, CA. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): KRISTINA PLUSIK NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. 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Free conservation lecture on bears by Sequoia Park Zoo & Foundation

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EUREKA – The Sequoia Park Zoo’s 13th annual Conservation Lecture Series continues tonight, Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m., hosted by the Conservation Advisory Committee and sponsored by the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation.

Becca Carniello and Jon Ewanyk will discuss black bear behavior and coexistence strategies in their talk titled, “Biology, Natural History and Conservation of Black Bears in the Western United States.”

Black bears are the smallest and most common of the three bear species in North America. Within the last 80 to 100 years, black bear populations have slowly been expanding back into their historical habitats while human populations and developments have also continued expanding. Because of this, black bears are increasingly common in the urban wildland interface making it imperative for communities to understand their behavior so they can prevent human-bear conflicts and better coexist with our native wildlife species.

Becca Carniello graduated with her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in wildlife biology from Humboldt State University (now Cal Poly Humboldt). Jon Ewanyk graduated from Humboldt State University (now Cal Poly Humboldt) in 2020 with his master’s degree in wildlife biology. Badger the Karelian Bear Dog is a working dog who will be in attendance with our speakers.

The in-person lecture is located at the Sequoia Park Zoo’s Flamingo Room at 3414 W St. in Eureka. In-person attendees can enter the Zoo through Gate C, located to the left of the main gate at the W Street crosswalk. Virtual attendees can watch on the Zoo’s Facebook page or on Zoom (where a free, registered Zoom account is required). The Zoom link will be available at [redwoodzoo.org](https://www.redwoodzoo.org) and through the Zoo’s social media channels.

Attendees are encouraged to ask the speaker questions after the presentation.

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Western Snowy Plover male and female.
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Sharing the beach with Western Snowy Plovers

FRIENDS OF THE DUNES

HUMBOLDT – Love takes flight along the North Coast beaches as western snowy plovers prepare for the breeding season.

The plover breeding season, spanning from March 1 to Sept. 15, is drawing near along the picturesque North Coast beaches. Migratory western snowy plovers, some of whom ventured away for the winter, are making their way back as the breeding season approaches.

While some plovers choose to migrate, others have chosen to spend the winter at or near their local breeding areas.

Male plovers invest considerable effort in charming their female counterparts during this critical period. To win over their potential mates, these males meticulously create multiple nests called “scrapes” – small, shallow cup-shaped depressions in the sand. They use their legs to kick out sand and their breasts to smooth out the shape. The males often adorn these scrapes with pebbles, small pieces of driftwood, and shells to help the scrape camouflage into its surroundings.

The females play an active role in this romantic dance, testing out these scrapes before deciding on the ideal nesting spot.

Between migration, pair establishment, and daily survival (which is especially challenging during the winter storms), this is a big time of year for these little birds! To minimize additional stress that would negatively impact their success in any of these activities, please follow these guidelines:

- Know beach-specific dog rules before you go. If dogs are permitted, follow the leash rules. Prevent your dog(s) from chasing birds.
- Admire birds from afar. Do your best at giving birds distance.
- Leave no trace. Garbage attracts predators such as gulls, crows, ravens, and skunks. Please dispose of all trash properly and avoid inadvertently (or intentionally) feeding wildlife. Human food can make wildlife very sick.
- If you’re on a beach that allows vehicles, drive “low and slow,” staying on the hard-packed sand. Drive below the high tide line where plovers and other shorebirds forage. Avoid driving in other vehicle tracks; plovers often like to sit in vehicle track depressions.
- Walk on the wet, hard-packed sand below the wrack line (the line at the beach where the seaweed and marine debris gathers).
- Check and follow beach-specific camping and campfire regulations.

To balance recreational opportunities and wildlife protection along the North Coast, beach activities may be restricted to certain areas during the breeding season, March 1 to Sept. 15. You can do your part in protecting adults, chicks, and eggs by knowing and adhering to location-specific rules and regulations.

Planco | Gate

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difficult decision and lots of things to weigh and compare and contrast,” said Community Development Director David Loya.

Kelly Carlin, representative for shop owner Nancy Anderson, showed the commission photos of recessed entryways left in unsanitary, unsafe condition by campers – with trash, debris and smears of biohazardous bodily emissions that await business owners virtually every morning.

Anderson said the last few years have seen an “exponential rise” in “uncivilized behavior” by alcove campers. She described trouble getting into and out of her store mornings and nights due to camps and campers.

Amy Fowler, whose Humboldt Haberdashery shop just up the way recently installed a scissor gate, described having had similar problems and more, including a gun pulled on her when she awakened a camper.

Her gate was installed without a permit due to an error by city staff. But, she said, there have been no complaints, only “multiple positive comments” from the public for preventing the blight.

“The amount of excrement is probably 90 percent less,” Fowler said. She said an unfair cleanup burden fell on the Community Ambassadors, who have many other duties.

Proliferation of the metal gates was a major concern.

Commissioner Dan Tangney said “the scissor gate is probably better than what happens in those alcoves,” but that walking past three of the gates in a row would set “a bad vibe.”

Commissioner Judith Meyer acknowledged the “humanitarian tragedy of homelessness in our community,” but said Plaza workers and business owners shouldn’t be placed at risk by it. She recommended approval, but suggested that since other businesses will likely apply for similar gates, that design standards be developed and codified.

After more discussion, commissioners approved installation of the scissor gate with Commissioner Matt Simmons dissenting.



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NO ON MEASURE A **OPPOSED BY HUMBOLDT DEMS, GOP & GREENS**

ON MARCH 5, VOTE NO ON MEASURE A TO PROTECT HUMBOLDT'S SMALL FARMERS, ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES.



We are Karen & Tommy Hessler, owners of Amaranth Farms. We're asking you to vote No on Measure A to protect small family farms like ours.

Measure A is a flawed and destructive ballot measure that would break Humboldt County’s existing cannabis land use ordinances. It would undermine the environment, hard-won public safety protections, and the economy.

That’s why the Humboldt Democratic, Republican, and Green parties, the Sheriff, cannabis and food farmers, small businesses, environmentalists, Chambers of Commerce, Arcata City Council, and current and former elected officials across Humboldt County are united in opposing Measure A.

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3rd District Supervisor Mike Wilson	Frankie Myers, Vice-Chair of Yurok Tribal Council, Candidate for Assembly District 2	North Coast Growers Association
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